GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3410
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ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of passport applications received in West Bengal during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 upto November 30, 2002; and

(b) the number of passports issued within the prescribed time span during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) The number of passport applications received in West Bengal during 2001-02 was 1,17,202 and during 2002-03 (upto Nov. 30, 2002) was 64,942.

(b) The Government endeavours to issue passports within 6 weeks provided the application is complete in all respects and a clear police verification report has been received. Passports are issued by the Regional Passport Office, Kolkata within the prescribed time frame.